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This I Believe: Reflection

This assignment was difficult to begin at first, but then once I was able to come up with something that I truly believe, writing about it was even easier. Not only did I develop as a writer while working on this assignment, but I also learned something about myself; I have something special when it comes to athletics because apart from numerous other athletes my age, the hidden characteristics that come out when I play sports severely differs from other athletes. My inspiration for this essay was my mother. From the first day my eyes saw light right up until this very moment that I am typing this reflection, my mom has instilled a great work ethic in me along with a controlled competitive drive. I love winning and truthfully despise losing, but that is all part of life. Fighting, swearing, becoming angry and losing control does not look good in my eyes. I have always been the type of athlete that will play my hardest for the win, but I never will play dirty. The *emotional control* that my mom has placed so cleverly inside of me was the inspiration for my This I Believe statement. I feel that I did a very good job at explaining my position and taking note that competition can be more than just simply sports. If there were something that I could have done better, it would have been the recording of my voice. Supposedly, the microphone is not for me. Another aspect of my essay that I was very impressed with was that I had absolutely no revisions whatsoever. Let me tell you, this is a rare occasion in Mr. Lane’s AP Literature & Composition classroom. This assignment was my favorite assignment this year because it allowed me to take a stand on something I believed in, and this is something that I have never had the opportunity to write about before. It was very interesting to see my mother’s reaction and listen to her comments after she read this essay. I believe competition reveals hidden characteristics in people.